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SUBJECT: FONMIN CARVAJAL VISITS ARGENTINA; STRESSES LA RELATIONS  
AT UNGA

REF: SANTIAGO 8515

1. CHILEAN PRESS APPROVINGLY FEATURES SEPTEMBER 1 DEPARTURE  
OF GOC FONMIN CARVAJAL FOR BUENOS AIRES, ACCOMPANIED BY  
HIGH-LEVEL FONOFF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ADVISERS. THOUGH  
STUDIEDLY VAGUE, CARVAJAL'S STATEMENTS AT BOTH ENDS OF HIS  
JOURNEY STRESS CHILE'S DESIRE FOR CLOSER POLITICAL AND  
ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA. IMPENDING VISITS TO BUENOS  
AIRES OF FINANCE MINISTER CAUAS AND ECONOMICS MINISTER  
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DECASTRO HIGHLIGHT CHILEAN INTEREST IN EXPLORING A POSSIBLE

ROLE FOR ARGENTINA, ALONG WITH URUGUAY AND BRAZIL, IN ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF GOC FOREIGN ECONOMIC TIES, SHOULD CURRENT CRISIS IN ANDEAN PACT LEAD TO ITS BREAKDOWN.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, CARVAJAL REVEALED THAT HE WOULD VISIT MONTEVIDEO NEXT WEEK.

3. ON LEAVING SANTIAGO, CARVAJAL STRESSED CHILE'S INTENTION TO ATTAIN A CLOSER RAPPROCHMENT WITH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE EFFORTS IN THIS SENSE DURING UNGA, WHERE HE WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS TO WORK OUT COORDINATED ACTION ON PROBLEMS OF COMMON CONCERN TO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, WITH AN "AMERICANIST" FRAMEWORK. SAID HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS AT A LUNCHEON OCTOBER 1 FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. CARVAJAL FURTHER STATED THAT BASICALLY CHILE WAS ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP BETTER RELATIONS NOT ONLY WITH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, BUT ALSO WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES WITH WHICH GOC HAS THE GREATEST AFFINITY, IN COMMON IDEALS, CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES, AND STRONG COMMERCIAL TIES. JAPAN ALSO MENTIONED IN LATTER CONTEXT, AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTRIES WITH WHICH CHILE HAS RELATIONS, BUT NOT AS MUCH COMMERCIAL OR OTHER CONTACT AS CHILE WOULD DESIRE. NO REFERENCE TO U.S.

5. COMMENT: THESE SOUTHERN CONE DIPLOMATIC MOVES CAN BE VIEWED AS A FOLLOW-ON TO THE RESTORATION OF ACTIVE CHILEAN DIPLOMACY, STEMMING FROM THE SUCCESS CHILEANS BELIEVE THEY GAINED AT THE JUNE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND EVIDENCED BY THEIR DEFIANCE OF THEIR ANDEAN PACT COLLEAGUES. WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF A PINOCHET-VIDELA MEETING WERE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY, PERHAPS DURING PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S SEPTEMBER 11 ADDRESS, ON THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUNTA. THE GROWING IDEOLOGICAL AFFINITY BETWEEN CHILE AND ARGENTINA UNDOUBTEDLY BOLSTERS CHILE'S GROWING ASSERTIVENESS IN SOUTH AMERICA. POPPER

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